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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION in the United States during 1990 was 88.3 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Sheep and lambs shorn during 1990 totaled 11.2 million head, a decrease of 1 percent from 1989. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.86 pounds per head, down 0.03 pounds from 1989. Total value of shorn wool was $69.7 million, down 37 percent from $111 million in 1989.

MOHAIR PRODUCTION in the five major producing States during 1990 was 16.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from 1989. Goats and kids clipped, at 2.17 million head, were down 12 percent from 1989. Average weight per head clipped was 7.5 pounds compared with 7.0 pounds a year earlier. Value of mohair production was $15.1 million, down 44 percent from 1989.

Wool Production and Value, United States, 1988-90

Years	Sheep Shorn 1/	Weight Per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price Per Pound 2/	Value
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1988	11,531	7.76	89,482	1.38	124,993
1989	11,314	7.89	89,220	1.24	110,537
1990	11,237	7.86	88,277	0.80	69,655

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 2/ Weighted by state sales.

Mohair Production and Value, United States, 1988-90

Years	Goats Clipped	Average Clip per Goat	Mohair Production	Price Per Pound	Value
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1988	2,321	7.5	17,323	1.89	32,769
1989	2,467	7.0	17,255	1.58	27,198
1990	2,174	7.5	16,295	0.93	15,109

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Number of Sheep Shorn, Weight Per Fleece and Wool Production
by States, 1989-90

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
AL	2/	7.0	2/	6.1	2/	43
AK	1.9	1.7	8.4	8.8	16	15
AZ	240.0	228.0	6.8	6.8	1,630	1,550
CA	990.0	1,015.0	7.7	7.5	7,624	7,646
CO	824.0	770.0	7.7	7.4	6,344	5,698
CT	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.3	56	54
ID	283.0	271.0	10.0	10.2	2,835	2,775
IL	155.0	134.0	6.9	6.9	1,070	925
IN	82.0	86.0	6.8	6.8	554	582
IA	496.0	500.0	6.9	6.6	3,422	3,323
KS	238.0	216.0	6.7	7.1	1,604	1,539
KY	36.0	33.0	6.6	6.5	238	215
LA	16.0	14.0	6.7	6.3	107	88
ME	16.0	15.0	7.2	7.6	115	114
MD	29.0	25.0	7.6	6.3	220	157
MA	14.0	13.0	7.2	7.3	101	95
MI	108.0	105.0	7.4	7.2	796	756
MN	280.0	250.0	7.0	7.1	1,950	1,765
MO	126.0	120.0	7.1	7.3	889	876
MT	577.0	630.0	10.0	9.9	5,762	6,226
NE	170.0	180.0	7.4	7.2	1,260	1,293
NV	82.0	86.0	9.5	9.7	779	831
NH	9.2	9.2	7.4	7.3	68	67
NJ	11.0	11.0	6.6	6.4	73	70
NM	459.0	453.0	9.8	9.8	4,480	4,422
NY	68.0	73.0	7.0	7.2	476	525
NC	12.0	13.0	7.1	6.8	85	88
ND	185.0	185.0	9.1	8.9	1,690	1,650
OH	268.0	282.0	6.8	6.4	1,822	1,816
OK	112.0	108.0	6.7	6.7	752	725
OR	475.0	465.0	6.2	6.3	2,930	2,919
PA	105.0	107.0	7.1	6.9	750	739
SD	565.0	590.0	9.0	9.0	5,082	5,317
TN	11.0	11.0	6.5	6.6	72	73
TX	2,550.0	2,470.0	7.1	7.0	18,000	17,400
UT	452.0	464.0	10.2	10.2	4,598	4,723
VT	26.0	25.0	7.4	7.4	192	185
VA	135.0	125.0	6.0	6.1	809	767
WA	74.0	77.0	8.7	8.7	642	668
WV	70.0	71.0	6.2	6.3	434	447
WI	94.0	84.0	7.3	7.4	687	618
WY	815.0	850.0	9.7	9.6	7,930	8,135
8 OTH 1/	46.0	57.0	6.0	6.3	276	357
US	11,313.6	11,237.3	7.89	7.86	89,220	88,277

1/ Other states in 1989 included Alabama plus Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, Rhode Island and South Carolina. 2/ Not available.

Wool Price and Value, by States, 1989-90

State	Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	1989	1990	1989	1990
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
AL	5/	0.37	5/	16
AK	1.17	1.25	19	19
AZ 2/	1.10	0.63	1,793	977
CA 2/	1.37	0.82	10,445	6,270
CO 2/	1.34	0.71	8,501	4,046
CT	0.77	0.59	43	32
ID 2/	1.16	0.65	3,289	1,804
IL 2/	0.67	0.35	717	324
IN 2/	0.63	0.28	349	163
IA 2/	0.73	0.35	2,498	1,163
KS 2/	1.06	0.65	1,700	1,000
KY	0.73	0.38	174	82
LA	0.72	0.31	77	27
ME	0.86	0.76	99	87
MD	0.75	0.40	165	63
MA	0.85	0.60	86	57
MI 2/	0.75	0.40	597	302
MN 2/	0.78	0.40	1,521	706
MO 2/	0.75	0.42	667	368
MT 2/	1.36	0.91	7,836	5,666
NE 2/	0.86	0.47	1,084	608
NV 2/	1.42	0.84	1,106	698
NH	0.89	0.59	61	40
NJ	0.76	0.40	55	28
NM 2/	1.48	1.07	6,630	4,732
NY	0.79	0.47	376	247
NC	0.70	0.36	59	32
ND 2/	1.08	0.59	1,825	974
OH 2/	0.74	0.39	1,348	708
OK	1.00	0.67	752	486
OR 2/	0.95	0.57	2,784	1,664
PA	0.75	0.39	563	288
SD 2/	1.31	0.80	6,657	4,254
TN	0.80	0.37	58	27
TX 2/	1.51	1.13	27,180	19,662
UT 2/	1.30	0.72	5,977	3,401
VT	0.80	0.71	154	131
VA	0.81	0.40	655	307
WA	1.04	0.58	668	387
WV	0.81	0.36	352	161
WI	0.77	0.36	529	222
WY 2/	1.37	0.89	10,864	7,240
8 OTH 3/	0.81	0.52	224	186
US	4/ 1.24	4/ 0.80	110,537	69,655

1/ Production multiplied by annual average price. 2/ Monthly price weighted by monthly sales of wool. The remaining States are annual averages. 3/ Other States in 1989 included Alabama plus Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. 4/ Weighted by States' sales. 5/ Not available.

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Mohair Production and Value, by selected States,
5 States Total 1989-90

State	Goats Clipped		Average Clip Per Goat		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
AZ	90	95	4.1	4.2	370	400	0.99	0.52	366	208
MI	20	17	8.0	8.2	160	140	1.39	0.70	222	98
NM	125	120	5.0	5.0	625	600	1.27	0.73	794	438
OK	92	82	7.6	8.0	700	655	1.46	0.90	1,022	590
TX	2,140	1,860	7.2	7.8	15,400	14,500	1.61	0.95	24,794	13,775
5 STS	2,467	2,174	7.0	7.5	17,255	16,295	1.58 2/	0.93 2/	27,198	15,109

1/ Production multiplied by average annual price. 2/ Five State price weighted by States' sales.

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